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Soviet Union from autarkic practices and its emergence as a world trader, including the political implications of that trade. Instances are cited where the Soviets have come to the "rescue" of one-crop countries in time of need. Aid is discussed in terms of gifts, grants, loans, credits and military and technical assistance. Where pertinent throughout this section, individual case examples are presented. The concluding section attempts to analyze the tasks of coexistence for the future, and surveys policy alternatives available to the West for meeting the challenge.

Tsuji, Masanobu. *Singapore, the Japanese Version*. New York: St. Martin's, 1961. 358 p.

This is a highly absorbing account describing the capture of Singapore and the events which preceded the Malayan campaign. During the campaign the author served as Chief of Operations and Planning Staff, 25th Japanese Army in Malaya, and participated in the initial planning and studies which were made on Malaya a year or so before the war started. He is presently serving in the Japanese House of Councillors in the National Diet. *Singapore, the Japanese Version* will give the reader a greater appreciation of the Japanese tactics as they were employed in jungle warfare. Their use of flanking maneuvers through the heavy jungle growth and in the swamps proved to be superior time and again against the strongly defended and fortified narrow defiles as set up by the British. Though the amount of advance preparation undertaken by the Japanese prior to the attack on Pearl Harbor is fairly common knowledge now, little if anything is known of the equally large order of planning and preparation that was effected for the simultaneous and co-ordinated attacks in Malaya, Hong Kong, Borneo and the Philippines that accompanied the Pearl Harbor strike. This effort is alluded to in this book. An interesting facet of the Southeast Asian thrust concerns the Japanese use of French Indo-China as a

build-up and staging area. It is readily apparent that without this intermediate area an amphibious assault into the Southeast Asian archipelago would have been infeasible. Does this not point up the key position of the area now called Viet-Nam?

Nuechterlein, Donald E. *Iceland—Reluctant Ally*. Ithaca, N.Y.: Cornell University Press, 1961. 213 p.

The detailed examination of Iceland's foreign policy with direct focus on the United States-Icelandic defense relations during the period 1940-56 is thoroughly covered in this book. Dr. Nuechterlein investigates the history of Iceland's policy regarding national security since 1940, with particular emphasis on the relation between the nation's domestic politics and her foreign policy. The major political parties' positions and party newspaper editorial opinions on each political decision reached are fully discussed. Iceland's complex political history is also covered. A major development in her history was the decision to join the North Atlantic Treaty Organization in 1949, with the consent to the stationing of United States defense forces on her soil. The extreme concern she displayed to insure that the members of these defense forces stationed in Iceland have the minimum contact with the civilians and Icelandic youth is of particular interest, and appears to be the basic reason for the continued popular opposition to the defense forces.

Platt, Washington. *National Character in Action*. New Brunswick, N.J.: Rutgers University Press, 1961. 250 p.

Brigadier General Platt, who had over ten years' experience as an intelligence officer, has written this book because of his deep concern over the shortcomings and deficiencies in the training of our Foreign Service and our Foreign Intelligence. He